

Agenda Item 10B

Resolution 04-10-01. Resolution Recommending to the Department of Water Resources and the State Water Resources Control Board that they Proceed with Adoption of Guidelines for the Proposition 50 Integrated Regional Water Management Grant Program

**Status of the Proposition 50
Integrated Regional Water
Management Grant Program
Guidelines**

Program Objectives

- Protect Communities from Drought
- Protect & Improve Water Quality
- Reduce Dependence on Imported Water
- Promote Integrated Regional Planning
- Achieve Multiple Benefits and Objectives

Funding

- Approximately \$380 million for IRWM grants
- 1st Funding Cycle – Approximately \$160 million
 - Planning Grants – \$10 million
 - Implementation Grants – \$150 million
- 2nd Funding Cycle – Approximately \$220 million

Content of Guidelines

- Grant Program Process
- IRWM Plan Standards
- Planning Grants
- Implementation Grants

Maximum Grant Amounts & Local Match Requirements

- **Planning Grants**
 - Maximum Award – \$500,000
 - Minimum Local Match – 50%
- **Implementation Grants**
 - Maximum Award – \$50,000,000
 - Minimum Local Match – 10%

Eligible Project – Planning Grant

- Develop new IRWM Plan
- Complete or modify IRWM Plans
- Develop Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plan

Eligible Project – Implementation Grant

- Contain at least 1 element listed in CWC § 79561
- Consistent with an adopted IRWM Plan
 - Waive requirement if:
 - Engaged in development of IRWM Plan
 - Plan will be adopted by January 1, 2007
 - Project assists in achieving plan objective(s)
- *Not eligible – On-stream/Off-stream Surface Water Storage Facility*

Grants Process

- Planning Grants
 - One-step Process
- Implementation Grants
 - Two Step Process
 - Step 1 – Conceptual Proposal
 - Quality of Plan
 - Quality of Proposal
 - Step 2 – Detailed Proposal
 - Quality of Projects

Public Outreach

- Legislative Workshops – Spring 2003
- California Watershed Council Economics & Funding Work Group – late 2003-early 2004
- CBDA Meeting – February 2004
- Two Public Scoping meetings – March 2004
- Public Comment – August 16-September 30, 2004
- Public Meetings on Draft Guidelines
 - August 31, Ontario
 - September 9, Sacramento
- BDPAC – September 9
- CBDA – October 14
- *Water Board – November 2004*

Summary of Comments Received

- Written comments from 40 entities
- Representing range of public interests
 - Local, State, and Federal agencies
 - Environmental Interests
 - Community Based Organizations
 - Environmental Justice Interests
 - Consulting

Categories of Comments

- Statutory Requirements
- Questions/Clarifications
- Policy Issues

Statutory Requirements

- Labor Compliance Plan
- Requirement for Adopted IRWM Plan
- Adopted IRWM Plan Waiver

Questions/Clarifications

- Establishing a “region”
 - Sub-region
 - Super-region
 - Participation in multiple regions
- Definition of Adopted
- Eligible Project Types
- Local Match Requirements
- Disadvantaged Communities

Policy Issues

- Planning Grants
 - Available Funding
 - Minimum Local Match
- Integrated Coastal Watershed Management Plans
- Regional Application
 - 1 Application/Region
 - 1 Grant/Region

Water Board Meeting Schedule

- Workshop – November 3
- Meeting – November 18
- *DWR & Water Board Approve Final Guidelines in November, 2004*

Grant Schedule

- Planning Grants
 - Planning Applications Due – *February 2005*
 - Planning Grant Awards – *July 2005*
 - Execute Contracts – *September 2005*
- Implementation Grants
 - Step 1 Applications Due – *March 2005*
 - Announce selections for Step 2 – *June 2005*
 - Step 2 Applications Due – *September 2005*
 - Implementation Grant Awards – *December 2005*
 - Execute Contracts – *June 2006*